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SUBJECT KMS INDUSTRIES

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1. COMMERCE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT DISCLOSED THAT ITS TECHNOLOGY CENTER DIVISION IS LICENSEE OF DUPONT REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER PURIFICATION PATENTS AND USES DUPONT AS SOURCE FOR SEVERAL COMPONENTS OF EQUIPMENT FOR SYSTEMS WHICH KMS DESIGNS AND INSTALLS. ESTABLISHED AND SATISFIED CUSTOMERS INCLUDE KAISER HOSPITALS IN CALIFORNIA AND BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOR DEEZEIDA INN HOTEL UNITS. COMMERCE BELIEVES INTERIOR DEPT. APPROPRIATE SOURCE FOR EVALUATION OF DESALINATION PROCESS UTILIZED.

2. KMS REPRESENTED BY BUGSHAN TRADING FOR SA (WTD 1/73) AND HAS MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS UNDER NEGOTIATION THROUGH AGENT. KMS SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION OF ITS PROCESS IN LEBANON RECENTLY WHICH BROUGHT OBSERVERS FROM SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES AND RESULTED IN INSTALLATION SALES FOR BEIRUT. KMS HAS TWO SUBSIDIARIES IN ISRAEL, NATAM, A COMPUTER SOFTWARE COMPANY, AND ELJIM LTD WHICH ARE BEING DISPOSED OF ACCORDING TO KMS

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AND REGARDING WHICH AFFILIATIONS BUGSHAN HAS BEEN FULLY

INFORMED.

3. KMS PRIME RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTEREST IS IN LASER FUSION, FOR WHICH IT IS AN AEC LICENSEE. ITS WORK IN THIS FIELD HAS ATTRACTED SUBSTANTIAL WORKING CAPITAL LOANS FROM BURMAH OIL CO. AND TEXAS GAS TRANSMISSION. THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER DIVISION HAS DIVERSIFIED DEFENSE AND INDUSTRIAL ADVANCED EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE COGLOMERATE ARE ALSO REPORTED TO BE OPERATING PROFITABLY. KISSINGER

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